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¶1. (C) Pol-Miloff delivered reftel talking points to MFA EU Department staffers Peter Grk and Vesna Hojnik on 06 June. Grk pointed out that Cuba is "not in Slovenia's strategic interest zone" and that Slovenia would only weigh in on the debate surrounding suspension of restrictive measures in order to ensure that human rights are respected as a pillar of EU foreign policy. Nonetheless, he promised to forward the talking points to colleagues at the Slovenian Mission to the EU, and he said the U.S. position would be taken into consideration as Slovenia formulates its own position. Hojnik added that Slovenia would likely support the common EU position emerging from the discussion of Cuba at the COLAT and GAERC meetings. She said Slovenia is "in favor of honest and constructive dialogue with Cuba." Slovenia handles its bilateral relationship with Cuba through the Slovenian Embassy in Madrid.

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